

Rocky Hill Board of Health Minutes of the Meeting of the May 12, 2009

Members present:

Lisbeth Haines MD (presiding), Susan Fisher VMD, Beverly Poelstra MD, Margaret Querec RN MSN
Stephen Papenberg, South Brunswick Township Health Officer
Linda Goldman, Borough Council Liaison.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Haines at 4:32 pm in compliance with the open Public Meeting Law Chapter 231.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2009 were approved as written on a motion from Dr. Poelstra with a second by Dr. Fisher.

Report of the South Brunswick Health Officer

There will be a Meeting of the Community Public Health Partnership (CPHP) on Friday, May 29, 2009 from 1pm to 4 pm at the Somerset County Health Department in Somerville. The objective of the meeting is to discuss CHIP and various subcommittees and work on development of community Health Improvement Plan.

Somerset County will evaluate the Municipal Building for air pollution concerns from the boiler permits and recycling in June.

Links report – development of contact lists for special needs and disadvantaged groups. The list will be forwarded to Dr. Haines so it can be added to our web site.

The licensing of dogs and cats has increased this year. There were 50 dogs and 45 cats licensed.

Old/Continuing Business

Municipal Alliance Update –

Dr. Poelstra missed the last meeting. There is discussion about the “Good Samaritan” or “Call for Aid” Ordinance. The future funding of the Municipal Alliance and Youth Services Commission may be cut because of state budget issues.

Animal Control Contract

Resolution RES 2009-162 was adopted and the contract is complete but it doesn't include deer removal. There is a fee for service of \$57.50 per deer for removal. We may need a separate contract for removal.

SCDOH Agreement

The agreement with Somerset County Department of Health for services is in the hands of the lawyers. There was discussion about the need for a representative liaison between our Board and the County Health Department to assist with communication.

There was discussion about including the pediatric population in the flu clinic in the fall. It was questioned as to whether it would be worthwhile.

Well Child Services

We are investigating the Princeton Healthcare System to determine the possibility of having them provide coverage for eligible Rocky Hill residents for Well Child Clinic needs. The services for well child care are offered to people who do not have insurance. There was some discussion about how the eligibility will be determined. We will contact the Princeton Medical Center to determine how they deliver services in other municipalities, since they handle the Well Child needs of East Windsor Township. They will use a sliding scale for the cost of delivery of immunizations. We would like to have the clinic services in place by September.

New Business

H1N1 Influenza

There was some discussion about the occurrence in our area. The state is not testing for H1N1 unless a patient is hospitalized or there is determined to be a cluster. There is some concern about the virus going south for the summer and returning in October or November. We should review the plan for a pandemic flu from the health department, especially with Stephanie the Health Officer from Montgomery Township. The medication dispensing site has been organized and we will review the plan with Alan Querec and John Horensky to make sure all is ready to handle any emergency.

Communication

The Website now has a widget from the CDC. This is information that changes periodically, so there is always new health information. The traffic on the web site has been very stable. We are still looking for more informational articles that can be placed on the site. Dr. Haines will meet with Dr. Fisher to learn how to update the web site.

Traffic Calming

There was some discussion of the traffic calming enforcement.

The next meeting will occur on June 9, 2009 at 4:30 pm. We will be honoring Steve Papenberg, as we end our contract with South Brunswick. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Poelstra and seconded by Dr. Fisher. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Querec RN MSN